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Allen Dulles Didn't Goof; John Foster Dulles Did

YOUR editorial on Nov. 13, "Where Was CIA?" puts the cart before the horse in blaming the Central Intelligence Agency for being "completely in the dark about what our friends Britain, France and Israel were up to," and in saying that "if our intelligence experts don't know what our friends are doing, how uninformed they must be about our enemy, Soviet Russia." You have no evidence that these intelligence experts were not on the job; they are not bound to publish their findings. You have no business foisting our inept foreign policy on those not responsible for it.

Don't blame Allen Dulles for the faults of John Foster Dulles.

- Last April 24 my letter in the Daily NEWS noted that the CIA head warned against the optimistic conclusion-jumping of the Secretary of State.

- You didn't have to get secret intelligence to know that our allies were disgusted with us.

- Edmond Taylor in the Reporter Magazine of October 18, told about "a premeditated slap at Mr. Dulles" and "a massive Western diplomatic debacle . . . to which U. S. foreign policy had undoubtedly made the decisive contribution."

This was the announcement on Sept. 22 by the French Government of the forthcoming trip of Mr. Eden to Paris to "concretize" Franco-British solidarity. Reporters present were shocked that "Big Three solidarity had shrunk to Medium Two solidarity," and Mr. Taylor called this the "end of an era."

C. L. Sulzberger in the N. Y. Times of Oct. 17, wrote: "Ours is an empirical foreign policy. We seek to deal with crises only as they arise and then proceed to hope for happy endings."

The goofing then was not in the lower echelons of the CIA but at the summit, where high policy is supposed to be made.

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